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Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St. SW Washington, D.C. 20554

RE:

Docket 04-261

'Violent Television Programs and its Impact on Children'

Dear F.C.C. Commissioners:

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to enforce the guidelines that once made programming enjoyable and upright. I must be missing the point. Why a study? Does one really need a 'consensus' before one does the job that has been set before one? Isn't government supposed to protect its people from harm, and the F.C.C. from the sex and violence that goes across the airwaves every day? It's an embarrassment that our government has had such a lapse in responsibility and good judgement.

Every day we hear chilling stories of brutality, senseless killing, and cold-hearted 'amusement' that could only be fueled by the same brutality seen day after day on television. We are all suffering from the harmful effects that the twisted media fills us with every day. Isn't it obvious that no one can continue to feed on such unwholesome concepts, humor, and situations day after day without the grim results we hear of every day? Since television and the various forms of media has become babysitter, instructor, and companion to the majority of Americans we have watched the steady erosion of traditional morality and family, work ethic, personal role models, and school performance. As a fifty-two year old mother of two, I have tried to protect myself and my own children from the media but their peers are quick in sharing the latest details of the television world.

I realize that a few Americans clamor for more and more liberties but doesn't anyone stop to see the price of unbridled freedom? How many more of us have to become slaves to porn, obesity, debt, laziness, obsessions, and addictions- burdens heavier than ever imagined? According to everyone I have spoken to, we are all fed up with the sex and violence on television! Why sacrifice the many for the few? I implore you to put an end to, not only the violence, but the sleazy humor, unsavory situations, and sexual content! Perhaps you will do the right thing and turn programming around. In which case, most of America will heartily thank you.

I applaud you for the stand you have already taken with Super Bowl ½ time show but that is just the tip of the iceberg. I wish you every success in bringing back dependable wholesome programming and thus, bringing back a healthy America. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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